

## GERMAN INFANTRY DID NOT ATTACK

Bombardment of Positions Near Verdun Not Followed by Assault

## GERMANS SET OFF MINE AT LES EPARGES

Failed to Occupy Crater; Statements Issued at Paris and Berlin

Paris, March 4.—The bombardment continued with considerable activity last night on the various sectors of the region of Verdun. It was not followed, however, by any actions of infantry according to the announcement issued by the war office this afternoon.

At Les Eparges the French prevent German troops from occupying a crater made by the explosion of one of their mines.

The customary artillery fire was continued along the remainder of the front.

The statement follows:

The bombardment which was maintained with considerable activity last night on the different sectors in the region of Verdun has not been followed by an action on the part of the infantry of the enemy.

"At Les Eparges we prevented the Germans from occupying a crater produced by the explosion of one of their mines.

There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front excepting the customary cannonading."

German Claims.

Berlin, March 4.—The enemy was repulsed in an effort to retake Douaumont, the war office announced to-day.

It also was announced that the booty taken by the Germans since February 22 had increased to 115 guns and 162 machine guns.

## WHAT PRES. WILSON SEEKS TO AVOID

Results Which Would Follow Surrender to Germany on Submarine Warfare

London, March 4.—In an article captioned "The United States and Affairs at Sea," the Spectator says:

"The real point is that Germany, for her own advantage, wants to whittle down the customs of ages. We are absolutely certain that if she were allowed to do this—as she would be if the resolutions in congress were adopted—there is not an American living who would not learn to resent the surrender of his country.

"It is not mere convenience—that would be sacrificed by the acceptance of the principle. Never again would the United States be able to stand forth with strength as the champion of the rights of neutrals, and above all of humanity. She would have given away her right of argument and would have admitted that international law can be tampered with for reasons of expediency.

"And having admitted that principle, she would have raised up a precedent against herself which would be quoted whenever she desired to resist some new infraction of international law—a precedent that might shake her own security to the very foundations and make all civilization the object of scorn and contempt."

## RUSSIAN STEAMSHIP SUNK; EIGHT DROWNED

London, March 4.—The Russian steamship *Vasilij Velikiij*, of 1,414 tons gross, has been sunk, according to advice received here. Eight members of the crew were drowned.

The reports failed to say in what manner the vessel was lost. The vessel formerly was the German steamship Prince Gustaf Adolph.

## GERMAN AT LUGANO PLOTTED AGAINST ITALY

Rome, March 4.—The under-secretary for foreign affairs stated in the chamber that an official of the German consulate at Lugano had been detected plotting bomb outrages to hinder the production of munitions in Italy.

## U. S. CONSUL AT ROME DEAD.

Rome, March 4.—William F. Kelly, the American consul here, was found dead in a chair shortly before the breakfast hour to-day. Death probably was due to heart disease.

## LINE WILL HOLD, STATES GALLIENI

French War Minister Satisfied With Situation in Verdun Region

## FRENCH TOOK TERRIBLE TOLL AT DOUAUMONT

Will Recapture Village; Guns Command It From Near-by Heights

Paris, March 4.—General Gallieni, minister of war, has told the commission on military affairs of the chamber of deputies that he is satisfied with the situation at Verdun. He gave details of the reserves of men and stocks of ammunition now available.

Military writers say that it was in keeping with all the precedents that the Germans should attempt to reduce the salient on the Douaumont plateau, for this key position must be taken before solid progress could be made elsewhere. The attack began after a long preliminary bombardment on Wednesday. German columns started to deploy from Hardaumont wood on the right and at the same time a division advanced on the village of Vaux. The latter attacked failed with heavy losses to the Germans.

The French artillery fire was so fierce that evening that the Germans were unable to push an attack on any point on the Douaumont plateau.

Many Germans Killed.

Masses of reserves were brought up and the fighting began with renewed fury on Thursday. Desperate onslaughts were made by Pomeranian and Brandenburg regiments. In the first and second attacks the assailants, who fought with great bravery, reached the French barbed wire, but so fierce was the fire of the village that the gray-coated regiments melted away. The officers rallied them again and again until no more were left to rally.

The third attack began about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It was even more violent than those which had preceded it. For more than an hour the Germans came on in serried ranks, hurling themselves, regardless of cost, against the ridges held by the French. At last the defenders' line wavered at two points, but only momentarily, and the counter-attack, driven home with the bayonet, drove the Germans back to the shelter of the combattes of the Hardaumont ravines.

Forced to Use Fresh Troops.

The Germans then resumed the bombardment, ploughing up the ground and pulverizing the rocks with hundreds of big shells. The fourth advance was made after dusk by fresh Prussian brigades which had replaced the troops engaged in the morning and afternoon attacks. After desperate fighting they managed to get a footing on the extreme edge of the plateau, whence they pushed forward into the houses of the north side of the village.

The Germans now hold Douaumont village, but the French dominate it from commanding heights. As the sides are fairly evenly matched, it is likely that the village will change hands more than once before the battle ends.

The military experts here say that the German possession of it is only temporary and that the technical advantage remains with the French, whose line continues unbroken.

## VON BUELLOW STILL WORKING FOR PEACE

In Berne Now; Yesterday's Session on Frankfort Bourse Ended in Panic

Paris, March 4.—The Berne correspondent of the Temps telegraphs:

"Prince von Buelow, former imperial German chancellor, is here on a short visit and has seen several political personages."

Prince von Buelow has been at Lucerne, Switzerland, for some time. Swiss reports have stated that his mission had to do with possible peace negotiations.

Panic on Frankfort Bourse.

London, March 4.—A message to the Exchange Telegraph company from Zurich, says:

"German newspapers publish wireless messages from Washington emphasizing the gravity of the German-American situation."

The Frankfort Bourse, which invariably reflects any influences on the financial and industrial conditions of Germany, yesterday ended in a state of panic."

## SWedes ARE WARNED AGAINST ARMED SHIPS

Stockholm, March 4.—The foreign office informed the Associated Press to-day that a warning against embarking armed merchantmen had been issued to Swedish citizens.

## French Bonds Are Rising As Result of Verdun Battle

Paris, March 4.—Government bonds are rising fractionally on the result of the battle of Verdun. The new 5 per cents have advanced from 87 francs 25 centimes to 88 francs 5 centimes.

## LEADERS LOOK FOR VICTORY IN HOUSE

Wilson's Followers Expect Decisive Declaration on Armed Ship Question

## VOTE TO BE TAKEN EARLY NEXT WEEK

Washington, March 4.—The next step in President Wilson's fight to dispose of the armed ship agitation in congress has been postponed until Tuesday.

At a conference early to-day the administration leaders in the house decided not to insist on a vote to-day.

This afternoon the rules committee met to frame a rule to table the McLemore resolution to warn Americans of armed ships of European belligerents.

The rule will be brought in with the first business next week, when the administration forces a plan to dispose of it by a substantial majority. The foreign affairs committee already has agreed on the resolution.

The administration forces plan that the action in the house shall leave no room for doubts as to the decisive character of the sentiment in congress.

They plan that the action to table the McLemore resolution will include a declaration that the president shall handle diplomatic affairs without interference from congress.

Decisive Vote.

The leaders are confident they have the votes to make their victory complete and undisputed.

Leaders explained this forenoon that the postponement had been agreed upon because of the absence of so many members on weekend trips.

Many had left yesterday under the impression, it was said, that the session of the house to-day, which began at 10 o'clock, was to end at noon and that only adjournments would be considered.

Administration officials said to-day that practically all the senators who voted yesterday to table the Gore resolution were voting for the president's policy, and that should the House fail to vote to uphold the president in decisive form the fight might be carried back to the senate for a direct vote to defeat the McCumber resolution, which sought to warn Americans off armed ships of belligerent nations.

Majority Leader Kitchin soon after noon began calling members of the house that they would not be needed to vote until next Tuesday at the earliest.

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Will Use Up Remaining.

The Journal des Débats says:

"It is apparent that the first phase of the battle did not see all the German efforts engaged for the reason that, although they employed 20 men to the linear yard, it was not possible to crowd seven corps into action on the narrow front of ten kilometres.

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## EXPLOSION IN FRENCH MUNITIONS FACTORY

Careless Handling of Grenades Caused Accident in Suburb of Paris

## VON BUELLOW STILL WORKING FOR PEACE

Paris, March 4.—An explosion occurred to-day in an ammunition factory at La Courteau, a suburb of this city. Early police reports said there were 200 casualties.

Fire followed the first explosion which occurred in the main building. Other explosions occurred one after another as the flames spread to other buildings. An hour after the first explosion 20 bodies had been recovered, while more than 125 injured had been taken to hospitals. Fourteen of the first bodies taken out were those of soldiers who had been working in the factory during convalescence from wounds.

M. Malvy, minister of the interior, after an inspection, announced that careless handling of grenades had caused the disaster.

The factory is situated east of the "Double Crown of the North" fort near St. Denis. Many civilians in the neighborhood were injured and workshops nearby were shaken.

President Poincaré visited the hospital where the injured are lying and expressed his sympathy with each.

Swedes are warned against armed ships.

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## SACRIFICING MEN IN DESPERATION

Wilhelm Risking All in Attempt in Verdun Region, Writes Rousset

## SECOND PHASE OF VIOLENT OFFENSIVE

Germans Lost Third of Attacking Forces in First Week

Paris, March 4.—The chief interest in the great battle in the region of Verdun still centres at Douaumont, where the Germans have suffered such huge losses in entering and fighting to hold the village, now dominated by French guns on nearby heights.

All reports reaching here tell of a battle in and about the village which exceeds in intensity the bloodiest encounters of the past week. The Germans are making appalling sacrifices without counting their losses, in their effort to gain the upper hand at this point.

Brigade at a Time.

A soldier who was wounded and who is in a hospital here now, says that the Germans are sending in troops a brigade at a time. This man, who took part in the violent fighting on Thursday, says that he saw one German regiment, the 14th Hanoverians, wiped out inside of five minutes by the French machine guns alone.

Military Reasons.

It may be hard to understand why we are throwing our men uncovered into the furnace along the Meuse while our British friends, who ask no better than to be permitted to attack, are retained in their trenches. The measure of power of the attack that they could deliver in the north of France would be the measure of help they could afford us at Verdun. It must be remembered, however, that you can not always choose your own moment in war. When it is imposed upon you, you must accept it.

If events which I do not want to see should lead us to retire from Verdun, or from all that remains of the town, our lines at Arras, Reims and Soissons would not be any less impregnable than they have been, but we should have suffered a moral check which would retard the decisive phase of the war.

On absolutely new fact divulged by the offensive in the region of Verdun is that the German staff issued an order to the officers to economize in the lives of their men. Copies of such an order were found in the possession of a dead German officer.

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Voters of Victoria, do not forget to cast your ballots to-day for the people's candidate, H. G. Brewster. Every effort will be made to defeat the will of the people, for the Bowser forces now realize that public sentiment is against them and will therefore resort to every trick of the machine to counteract an honest expression of the city's opinion.

It was significant that one of the polling places did not open this morning.

It is hoped that a very large percentage of those entitled to vote will register their preference at the ballot box.

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Early this morning the streets adjacent to the polling stations were thronged with automobiles and conveyances of all kinds used for carrying voters to the polls. Both sides were well supplied in this regard, and the residents in those districts furthest away from the booths had no trouble in getting transportation.

The universal sentiment expressed on the streets this morning was that the Liberal leader would carry the election by a substantial majority. It has become increasingly evident that the people are determined to express an opinion on the general policy of the government rather than be carried away by the specious promises advanced on behalf of the government candidate, Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt.

The election is in charge of H. W. Moore as returning officer.

## SCANDINAVIANS ARE NOT BEING DECEIVED

Dr. E. J. Dillon Says They Perceive This is Germany's Last Attempt

Christiania, March 4.—Dr. E. J. Dillon writes:

"The tremendous onslaught at Verdun is rightly construed throughout Scandinavia as Germany's final desperate effort to score a victory over the entire powers and hasten the issue of the campaign before the decision now rapidly spreading among the people of the central empires paralyzes their waning strength.

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### BITLIS NOW HELD BY THE RUSSIANS

City 110 Miles Southeast of Erzerum Captured; an Important Gain

Petrograd, March 4.—The following official statement was issued last night:

The enemy attempted an offensive in the district north of Caeraryk, (Volhynia), but was dispersed by our artillery.

Caucasus front: Our troops continue the pursuit of the Turks. Fighting in this district is proceeding under exceptional difficulties, owing to the complete disorganization of the roads, the severe frost and deep snow.

The news has just arrived that our troops last night carried by assault Bitlis, capturing six cannon. Among the Turkish prisoners are 17 officers, including a colonel.

Bitlis is a city of 35,000 inhabitants and the capital of the vilayet of the same name. It has numerous mosques and convents, and is located 4,700 feet above sea level. It is 110 miles southeast of Erzerum, near the southwest extremity of Lake Van.

Trebizond Soon.

Petrograd, March 4.—The Russian advance in Asia Minor, radiating along the three main lines from Erzerum toward Trebizond, Sivas and Bitlis, is meeting with equal success in all three directions. There has been no serious Turkish resistance since the fall of Erzerum. The Turks are said to be

strengthening the fortifications of Sivas, which is about 200 miles west of Erzerum, the only point considered here as likely to be a serious obstruction to the westward progress of the Russians. Turkish reinforcements are pouring daily into the centre. In their north advance the Russians are close upon Trebizond, and occupation of the latter is momentarily expected. The main army is continuing its advance due west from Erzerum.

The Russian forces in Persia, with Kermanshah safe in their hands, are now reported moving toward the British forces in Mesopotamia.

Bitlis is now in the hands of the Russians.

### GROUND RETAKEN NEAR DOUAUMONT VILLAGE

Gains Made by French in Verdun Region; Great Battle Continues

Paris, March 4.—The following official statement was issued last night:

In Belgium we bombarded the enemy's canonniers in the region of Langemarck.

To the north of the Aisne a strong patrol which attacked one of our small posts was repulsed with losses.

Our artillery has carried out a destructive fire against German works to the east of Neuville and to the south of Berry-au-Bac.

In the Argonne our artillery has displayed great activity, and has bombarded the German lines at La Fille Mortie and in the Chappay Wood. We exploded successfully a small mine at St. Hubert.

Verdun Region.

In the region to the north of Verdun the fighting is very spirited. Near the village of Douaumont we have occupied the highest part of the mound on the north slope of which that village is situated. The violence of the attack has enabled us to regain ground in the immediate vicinity of the village.

The bombardment continues very violently to the west and to the east of the Meuse, and also in the Woëvre. Our artillery has concentrated its fire on assembling points of the Germans particularly in the vicinity of Beaufort, where a column of the march was dispersed.

In Upper Alsace we carried out an attack to the east of Seppois, and took several elements of German trenches on the right bank of Le Grande Largue. A counter-attack by the enemy failed to dislodge us from the conquered ground.

"Adjutant Navage brought down yesterday in the region of Douaumont his sixth aeroplane, a craft of the Albatross type. The aeroplane fell inside our line. The occupants, who were wounded, were taken prisoners."

The following Belgian official communication was issued last evening:

"The day has been quiet on the entire front, except in the region of Steenstraete, where the struggle by means of bombs has been violent."

British Report.

London, March 4.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"On the evening of March 2 we exploded five mines near the Hohenholzern redoubt and occupied the craters, one of which contained the enemy's main mining shaft. An enemy bombing attack was repulsed.

"There has been considerable artillery activity on both sides in this neighborhood to-day."

"On the Ypres-Tourcoing canal we have consolidated the positions taken yesterday, which include some 200 yards of the enemy's original trenches. The prisoners taken now amount to five officers and 249 men of other ranks."

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 4.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

First Battalion—Wounded: Corp. David Dewar, Scotland.

Fourth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Eli Kovozitch (no address).

Seventh Battalion—Died of wounds: Lance-Corp. E. J. Tozer, Scotland.

Eighteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. H. Nevine, Detroit, Mich.

Nineteenth Battalion—Severely wounded: Pte. H. Whyte, St. George, Ont.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Accidentally wounded: Pte. W. J. Lukes, Dundas, Ont.

Twenty-second Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. A. Baupre, Montreal; Pte. E. Arcand, Champlain, Que.; Pte. A. Tessier, Valleyfield, Que.

Wounded: Corp. Lorenzo G. Grignon, Montreal; Pte. A. Guindon, Montreal.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. F. A. Woodbury, Utopia, N. B.

Twenty-ninth Battalion—Seriously injured: Sergt. Arthur Hazelden, England.

Forty-second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. J. W. Parker, Montreal; Pte. W. J. Chambers, England.

Forty-ninth Battalion—Suffering from concussion: Pte. S. T. Vickerman, England.

Fiftieth Battalion—Found dead: Pte. C. Moore, Scotland.

Royal Canadian Engineers—Slightly wounded: Pte. Harry Vandeveld, England.

Second Canadian Mounted Rifles—Wounded: Pte. D. G. Penny, Calgary.

Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column—Severely wounded, accidentally: Pte. R. J. Tovell, Guelph, Ont.

GERMANY SENDING MORE MEN TO VERDUN REGION

LONDON, March 4.—Germany is transferring four more army corps from the eastern front to the region of Szechuan province, had been recaptured by government troops. Suifu was taken by rebel forces which had advanced from Yunnan province, and held by them until Thursday.

SUIFU RETAKEN.

LONDON, March 4.—Official announcement was made here to-day that the city of Suifu, in the southern part of

the Szechuan province, had been recaptured by government troops. Suifu was taken by rebel forces which had advanced from Yunnan province, and held by them until Thursday.

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### NOT PEACE WITHOUT HONOR, SAYS WILSON

Does Not Want That; Reference to Break With Germany

Washington, March 4.—President Wilson's position on the international situation, as revealed further to-day, was that he had told congressional leaders it was months after the resignation of former Secretary Bryan before the United States government could convince Germany that this nation was earnest in its position on submarine warfare.

The president is understood to have mentioned this fact to show his belief that action by congress would further weaken the position of the United States abroad. He is understood to have told the leaders that charges that he wanted to get the United States into war were entirely disproved by his attitude during his last two years. He had endured jeers and ridicule, he said, because of his efforts to maintain peace. He is understood to have declared that he has always been willing to do anything except sacrifice honor in order to maintain the United States at peace.

At the same time, the president declared, he did not see how the United States could do anything but sever diplomatic relations with any nation which killed Americans in violation of international law.

Was Mentioned.

While both Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, have flatly declined to comment upon the statements regarding the possibility of war attributed to President Wilson by Senator Gore, and later denied by the White House, it was learned to-day that mention of the result of a break of diplomatic relations had been discussed quite casually and informally by Mr. Lansing and Bernstorff late in January of this year.

According to authoritative information, this discussion came at a time when Secretary Lansing informed the ambassador exactly what kind of a communication from Germany would settle the Louisiana case in a manner satisfactory to the United States. The ambassador is said to have informed Mr. Lansing that he believed his government might change some of the expressions used in the document, which the secretary indicated would be acceptable. They agreed that the ambassador was to submit the document to his government and see what changes it would suggest, which Bernstorff did. He at the same time quite informally understood to have asked the secretary what he thought would be the ultimate results should Germany fail to meet the requirements of the United States.

Lansing's Statement.

Secretary Lansing, it is said, told the ambassador that in event of a complete disagreement on the subject the United States might be obliged to break off diplomatic relations. The ambassador is reliably represented as having replied that he fully understood the view of the secretary and to have added the hope that nothing of the kind ever would occur.

The ambassador pointed out that diplomatic relations severed there would be no agency by which the enthusiasm of naval commanders could be held in check and that some circumstances were almost certain to occur to lead to hostilities. The ambassador is represented as having pointed out that the modifications in the conduct of Germany's submarine warfare made since the beginning of the war had been made solely on account of regard for the wishes of the United States.

The huge reception rooms are decorated with oil paintings and fine engravings presented by various regiments, and many of them by the emperor himself. On the floors above are 150 bedrooms, ranging in price from 30 cents to \$2.50 a day. For the lowest price one is provided with a capital bedroom with electric light and hot and cold water. For the maximum figure an officer or his family can have a sitting-room, double bedroom and bathroom.

A four-course table d'hôte costs 40 cents, which is remarkably cheap considering the high prices which at present rule in Petrograd. The club has been so popular that there are at least

two applicants for each vacant apartment.

The club also operates the immense "army and navy stores," where Russian officers and men can buy all necessities and luxuries at practically cost price.

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Asks Court to Require Bank of Vancouver Shareholders to Pay

Vancouver, March 4.—Claims against shareholders of the Bank of Vancouver totalling \$1,118,179 were filed with the supreme court this morning by Messrs. Cowan, Ritchie & Grant, solicitors for the liquidator, and will be dealt with shortly by the registrar. The shareholders are all proceeded against as contributors, even those who had their shares fully paid up before claimed against on the double liability which bank shares carry.

Of the total amount of \$1,118,179 thus claimed as contributions to the liquidation, a total sum of \$584,550 is claimed under the head of double liability. While it is the intention of the solicitors for the liquidator, in order to minimize the law costs, to make a claim for the double liability at the same time as the claims for unpaid amounts due on shares, interest on unpaid amounts and penalties incurred in default of payment of calls, it is not the intention to enforce payment under this head until the liquidation is further advanced, and it is possible to arrive at the percentage of the double liability which must be called in to enable the liquidator, Ewing Buchan, to discharge all liabilities.

Two features of the claims against contributors are novel, and are confined to bank liquidations. The one is the double liability and the other is the column of claims made for penalties in default of payment of calls or instalments. The penalty provided by the Bank act is ten per cent. of the unpaid amount.

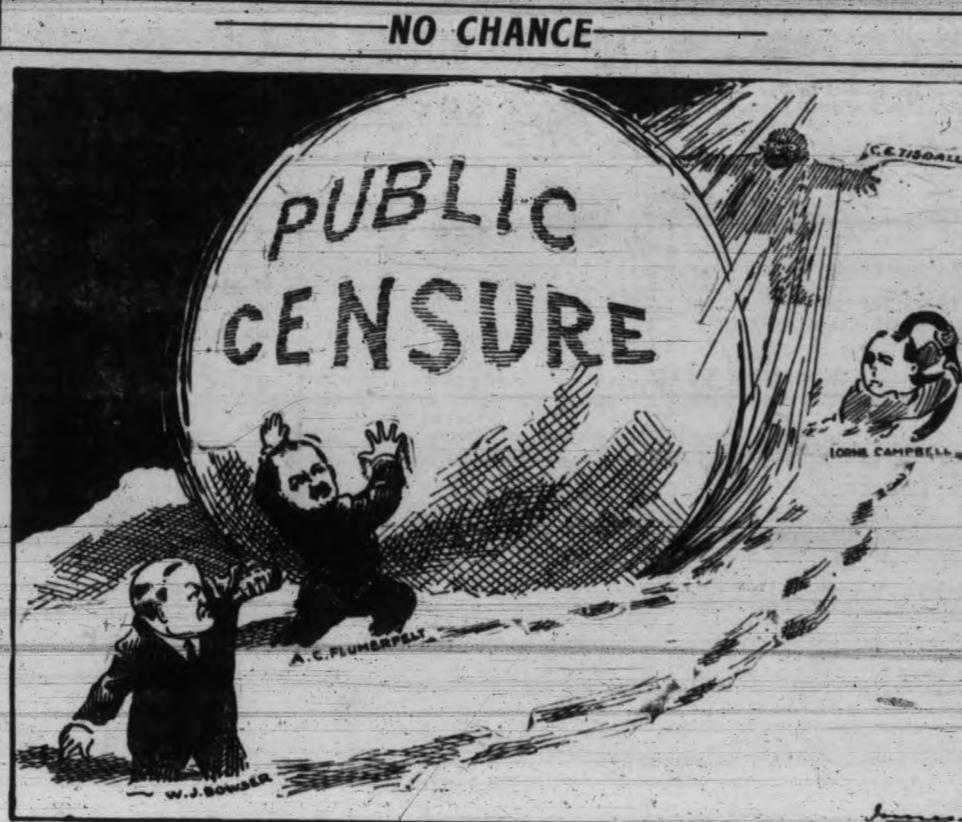
Cowan Paid Up.

Of all the shareholders of the bank only one is listed under schedule 3 as having fully discharged all liabilities, including the double liability on the shares. This is George H. Cowan, K. C., who was the owner of 25 shares in the bank. The payment up of all claims in regard to these 25 shares held in the name of Mr. Cowan is taken to be a precaution against any question as to Mr. Cowan's right to act as solicitor for the liquidator. To be both a solicitor for the liquidator and a creditor or contributory of the estate would be an equivocal position which might give rise to legal complications.

Victoria Shareholders.

Among the larger claims made against Victoria shareholders is that against Dr. W. T. Barrett, \$13,708, of which \$2,500 is double liability.

In addition there is a large number of claims for considerable amounts under the double liability clause, all of



W. J. BOWSER—Stop it, Flumerfelt, stop it. It has flattened out Tisdall, given Campbell an awful bump, and is gaining force and weight every second.

which may not be called in by the liquidator. Victoria shareholders follow:

Michael B. Carlin, \$5,850; Thomas Ellis, \$3,750; F. W. Jones, \$2,500; Richard Layritz, \$1,500; Lin Bang, \$1,500; J. B. Lovell, \$1,000; J. E. Mitchell, \$2,500; Louis Noyer, \$2,500; ex-Lieut.-Governor T. W. Paterson, \$3,000; Charles E. Pooley, Esquimalt, \$1,000; Alexander Stewart, \$1,000; R. R. Taylor, \$1,100.

Transferred Shares.

Under another schedule is a number of former shareholders who had disposed of their shares within 60 days of the suspension of payment upon which both transferees and transferees are liable. The largest claim is against J. Griffin, for \$2,500. Mr. Griffin is alleged to have transferred 25 shares to George Harry Watson on October 31, 1914. The liquidator will be able to enforce payment against either the transferor or the transferee in regard to this series of claims, which total \$6,550.

Among the more distinguished names not previously mentioned is that of Sir Richard McBride, from whom \$200 is claimed under the double liability clause. Also John Oliver, from whom a contribution of \$500 is claimed under the double liability clause.

6,573½ Shares.

Altogether claims are made on account of \$5,732½ shares of the par value of \$587,350, being the issued stock of the company, which originally had a subscribed capital stock of \$1,174,700 in 11,747 shares of \$100 each. On March 17, 1914, the shareholders, with the approval of the treasury board, reduced the capital from \$1,174,700 to \$587,400, by cancelling shares in an effort to place the bank on a sounder foundation.

**BUSY GOBBLING UP  
ONE OF ITS ALLIES**

Germany Takes New Hungarian Oil Fields Out of Hungarian Hands

London, March 4.—A correspondent in Bucharest states that the action of the Hungarian parliament in consenting to a bill permitting German capital to exploit the new oil field in Transylvania has aroused a flood of criticism in Hungary. The oil fields, unexploited as yet, were discovered only three years ago, but there has been a widespread public belief among the Hungarians that they would prove to be a natural treasure worth untold millions to Hungary. Concessions for their exploitation have now been turned over to the Deutsche Bank, of Berlin, in return for the latter's promise to invest \$5,000,000 in the work of development. This is characterized by the opposition in Hungary as "selling our birthright for a mess of pottage."

The centre of each of the two Transylvanian fields consists of a group of oil springs "gushing up from the earth in a quantity sufficient to supply the whole of Central Europe with gas and oil not only for lighting, but also for industrial purposes."

Just how far the concessions to the Deutsche Bank go is not yet clear, but there appears to be no doubt that they will give German capitalists a clear advantage and control in a field where Hungarians had long hoped to build up an entirely national enterprise.

When the bill granting the concession was brought up by Count Tisza, the Independence party raised its usual objections, urging that "the oil fields should be exploited and organized by the state in order that they should serve as a national source of wealth, and thus replace the dear coal, mostly imported from Germany." One of the speakers declared that "this oil will now fall to the Germans, who will take care that the gas will not be any cheaper than the coal."

One of the Hungarian newspapers has since tried to explain the transaction in an interview with Tisza, in which he says that the transaction was necessary because Hungary has not enough money to develop the oil fields herself.

**WHY WAS RUDDICK'S  
REPORT WITHDRAWN?**

Dominion Dairy Commission's Report Recalled Before Members Saw It

**ATTACK ON VERDUN  
A GAMBLER'S THROW**

In Attempt to Save Himself  
Wilhelm Ordered Supreme  
Massacre, Writes Hanotaux

Ottawa, March 4.—While the estimates of the department of agriculture were under discussion yesterday Donald Sutherland, Conservative, South Oxford, Ontario, said that while the winning of the war was the matter of supreme importance to all Canadians, and he would not suggest that the farmers' sons should not enlist, farm help was being drained from Ontario, and this year would see a big decrease in production in that province.

On the vote for the dairy branch, J. G. Turriff, Liberal, Aspinwall, Saskatchewan, asked why the report of J. A. Ruddick, Dominion dairy commissioner, had been recalled before members were allowed to see it.

Hon. J. D. Hazen said he had been informed by the officials that it was recalled because it contained some matters relating to the war which it was not in the public interest to make known at the present time.

Mr. Turriff thought the recall of the publication had something to do with the discussion in regard to hay contracts which occurred in the house on January 27. His information was that the report as originally printed stated that in the purchase of hay the department had followed the same satisfactory methods as had been pursued at the time of the South African war. He noted that there was an intimation in the index, "War office agency," but there was nothing about this subject in the report. It was hard to believe that Mr. Ruddick would put anything in his reports which would not be in the public interest.

F. B. Carvell, Liberal, Carleton, N. B., gave expression to similar views. He thought it would be found that the omitted section of the report stated that there had been large purchases of hay, oats, flour, etc., under the same satisfactory methods adopted at the time of the South African war.

Mr. Hazen assured the opposition that these suspicions were unfounded.

**BELIEVED FRENCH SHIP  
WAS SUNK BY A MINE**

La Rochelle, France, March 4.—It is believed that the French steamship Takme, of Dunkirk, 3,117 tons gross, which sailed from La Rochelle on Tuesday and was sunk the same day in the Bay of Biscay at a point six miles northwest of Ille d'Yeu, struck a mine. Six of the 22 men of the crew lost their lives.

**WHERE TO VOTE**

There has been a request for the publication of the polling places. These are as follows:

Ward One—560 Yates street, the old fruit exchange, on the north side of the street, facing the end of Langley street.

Ward Two—B. C. Pottery warehouse, corner of Bread street and Pandora avenue.

Ward Three—Maynard's auction rooms, in the old Institute hall, View street, between Douglas and Blanshard streets.

Ward Four—719 Courtney street, in the store formerly occupied by George Carter & Son, opposite the Alexandra club.

Ward Five—Northwest Garage, corner of Wharf and Broughton streets, across from the marine and fisheries department.

Its artillery and ammunition were a hundred times superior to what they were when it repulsed the furious German attacks at the Tsar. These considerations militated the mad blow.

But the blow had to be delivered somewhere before spring should bring the new Russian and British armies into line, before the Austro-German powers should undergo further drain,

Paris, Mar. 4.—Gabriel Hanotaux, former French minister of foreign affairs, writes:

With their offensive in Verdun region the Germans are taking up their campaign against France just where they left off at the battle of the Marne. Verdun is the apex of those eastern citadels which have always shackled the German offensive through Belgium, and until that apex is smashed any attack towards the interior of France would be exposed to being bitten off by our eastern jaws. Any attack on Paris would be taken in the rear by our armes about these fortresses.

I do not know whether it is true that General von Delmeling told the Fifteenth corps that this was to be the last offensive against the French, but true or untrue the assertion expresses an exact verity.

Germany has arrived at that point where she is bound to make up her mind to use her remaining resources. I have learned from the most reliable sources that during the last visit of the king of Saxony to his troops the officers surrounded him and told him the war must be finished quickly and that the soldiers would be unable to undertake a new campaign.

Not Prussians.

It is not worthy of credence that the troops who made the greatest sacrifices at Verdun were Prussian Pomeranian, Silesian and Rhineish soldiers fell by the thousands. The Prussians are naturally the supreme champions of Prussian militarism. Verdun has capital importance regarded from the viewpoint of the whole situation.

Speaking in the duma in the presence of the czar, Foreign Minister Sazonoff said the allies would continue the war until the hegemony exercised by Germany through Prussian militarism was broken. For the first time the allies' objective is clearly defined and the German fury against Sazonoff can easily be understood.

Militarism at Bay.

Conservative organs in Germany are clamoring for the displacement of von Bethmann-Hollweg and the appointment of a chancellor belonging to the militarist party such as von Hindenburg or von Tirpitz. German militarism is now seeking to defend itself with its own men.

The Kaiser is at bay and has to save the country and himself. At a recent Potsdam council he obtained the opinion of von Hindenburg, von Mackensen and von Delmeling on the situation.

The German chiefs saw the Russian front consolidated, the czar's armies reconstructed and assuming a victorious offensive at different points. German efforts in this theatre would lead nowhere. Many months would have to pass before a decision against the Russians could be obtained.

In the Balkans Germany would be working only for the benefit of the Bulgarians, who were unable to make a fresh effort for themselves. Salonica was seen to be impregnable. Greece was veering and Roumania was no longer sure.

Turkey a Deadweight.

In the direction of Egypt and Asia the game was up. Through the capture of Erzerum by the Russians, Turkey had already become a deadweight. Thus Germany was forced to look towards France. True, the French army was powerful, valorous and resolved to die where it stood rather than give up the struggle.

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Every person qualified to vote should cast his ballot if he is at all physically able to do so. The Machine is desperate and will resort to every trick to defeat the will of the people. It recognizes that public sentiment without regard to party affiliations is running strongly in Mr. Brewster's favor and conceives a small turn-out of electors to be its advantage.

If the people of Victoria believe it to be in their best interests that Mr. Brewster should represent them in the legislature they should do what they can to bring this about. That is, they should mark their ballots accordingly. They should take nothing for granted. It is well to be confident, but that confidence should not keep them away from the polls, for aside from their desire that Mr. Brewster shall be elected, it is, as we know, their duty to exercise the right which is the safeguard of their liberty.

Every qualified voter, therefore, who believes in the preservation of democratic government, in government by the legislature instead of government by order-in-council, who wishes to end the activities of the machine which is undermining the foundations of our welfare, who wishes honesty and competence in the management of the people's business, should cast his ballot to-day.

### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The Public Accounts submitted to the legislature on Thursday show a deficit of more than four million dollars for the year ending March 31, 1915. This was the fifth successive year in which our financial statement has shown a large adverse balance, and as the legislature last session voted an expenditure of more than four millions in excess of the estimated revenue, the year which will end on the 15th of the present month will be no variation from what seems to have become a cherished custom. Since 1911 the revenues and expenditures of the province have been as follows:

Year	Revenue	Expenditure
1911-12	\$10,745,708	\$11,368,767
1912-13	12,510,215	15,626,805
1913-14	10,479,268	15,955,123
1914-15	7,974,496	12,174,251
1915 (estimated)	7,024,615	11,163,056

If we include the estimated deficit for the present year, we find that since 1911 the government has spent the enormous sum of \$17,543,610 more than it has received. The statement for the current year, however, may show some readjustment of the situation as estimated last session, although there will be a large deficit in any event. But excluding the estimated figures for this period we find that the deficits for the four years aggregated \$13,415,169. It will be observed that notwithstanding the marked decline in the revenue of 1915-16, which reflected the reaction from the boom, the government's expenditure reached high-water mark; also that in the following year the government continued to spend money without regard to revenue and even last session, with the country in the midst of a great war whose exigencies call for the most rigid economy and thrift, it rushed through the legislature votes of expenditures four millions greater than the estimated revenue.

The inevitable result of this spending of money like a drunken sailor was an expedition to the "money fender." We had to borrow on whatever terms we could get. We had to pay through the nose. Our last issue of 4% per cent. ten-year bonds to retire treasury notes which matured December 31 last, cost us vastly more than similar issues by New Brunswick, Ontario and Toronto School board. And we shall continue to pay heavily for whatever loans we may be able to contract as long as the government continues to squander with riotous prodigality the taxes of the people. Mr. Flumerfelt, we observe, would remedy matters by altering our

book-keeping methods. What rubbish! What is required is the overthrow of the system under which expenditures are based upon political expediency for the purpose of bribing constituencies rather than upon public interest or utility. When the depression set in the government did not dare to reduce expenditures for fear of antagonizing the electoral districts upon which it had lavished our taxes, and the army of contractors, road workers, etc., upon whose political support it depended. In other words, our money has been used as a lubricant for the political machine.

### WAR DEVELOPMENTS.

German newspapers are publishing inspired articles denying that the fighting around Verdun represents a supreme bid by Germany for final victory. They insist that it is merely a subordinate operation intended to remove a disagreeable French salient, and that so far they have made satisfactory progress. If that were true the whole German empire well might quake with horror at the very idea of a general offensive by its armies for the "subordinate" operations thus far have cost the invaders more than 150,000 casualties according to the most conservative calculation.

As a matter of fact it is quite obvious to everybody but an unreasoning German that the Kaiser attempted to duplicate von Mackensen's coup on the Dunajec in Western Galicia last spring. There, after four days' fighting against an enemy whose store of munitions had been almost entirely depleted, the Germans pierced Dimitriev's front and forced the Russians to begin their long retreat to avoid the envelopment and destruction of their armies. The tactics adopted by the Germans then were the same as those employed two weeks ago—a tremendous concentration of artillery followed by infantry assaults regardless of losses. But in the present instance while the Germans have gained ground north of Verdun and hold precariously Fort Douaumont and Douaumont village, both of which are commanded by French fire, they have been badly baffled in regard to their objective as they were when they tried to smash their way to Calais. It is too late for the enemy to gain advantages in any way commensurate with his losses. His only chance lay in doing the thing quickly. His efforts, while serious, have not compelled the slightest weakening in the allies' ranks elsewhere in the West. He may batter down forts with his howitzers, for forts are obsolete now, anyway, but he cannot break the line opposed to him.

Petrograd reports an important success by the Russians in Armenia. They have captured Bitlis, a fortified city 110 miles southeast of Erzerum. The strategic value of Bitlis was so great that stubborn resistance by the Turks who have fled to it from Musch was anticipated. It is the key to the passage of the Taurus mountains, and with it in their possession the Russians can move against Diarbekr, the key to Mesopotamia and a gateway to Syria. We ought to hear very gratifying news of the development of this campaign against the Turks during the next week or two.

### THE SENATE'S VERDICT.

The vote in the United States Senate yesterday on the resolution of Senator Gore in connection with Germany's submarine campaign was a severe blow to the Wilhelmstrasse. The Gore motion provided that Americans be warned against travelling on merchant vessels of the belligerent countries carrying armament of any kind. The Washington administration quite properly regarded this as a proposal for the abandonment of the rights of the American people, in fact a capitulation to Berlin inspired by cowardice. It was because he felt that he was hampered by the attitude of the White Feather brigade in Congress that the President desired to bring the issue to a head, and the result of the test must have been most satisfactory to him. What the verdict of the House of Representatives will be the proceedings on Monday will show, but it is altogether likely that the administration's course will be endorsed. Any other result would put the President and his cabinet in a most invidious position; in its effect it would be an admission that the policy of the country was not directed to the White House, but from the German embassy.

Von Bernstorff has two weapons in his arsenal. One is the terrorizing of American industry and the discouragement of the production of war supplies for the allies. The other is the exercise of political pressure upon the Washington administration and upon Congress by means of the German-American vote, which has long been organized for this very purpose. The first and violent feature of the conspiracy has been a failure. The operation of the arson and dynamiting ring to date have reacted in the dimmed of Dumba, Von Papen and Eoy-Ed and the increase of hostility to the German cause throughout the

United States. The second plan undoubtedly made more progress, particularly among a certain element in Congress. It succeeded in prolonging the negotiations relative to the Lusitania, Arabic and other enormities, and nearly tied Mr. Lansing in a knot. Fortunately the danger of the uncertain course the administration was pursuing was impressed upon the President, who now seems determined to insist upon the maintenance of the rights guaranteed to the people of his country by international law and practice. The agitation in Congress, however, was calculated to convey the impression that at this critical juncture the country was not united; that the administration policy was not endorsed by the representatives of the people. Official Berlin probably anticipated this with unholy glee; it not unlikely diagnosed the situation as greatly to its own advantage. The vote in the Senate on Saturday must have been a shocking disillusionment. The note on Monday will probably be another.

Philadelphia Ledger: What would the prosperity of the United States, as to which the president is so eloquent, amount to if for a year and a half all trading on any sea had been practically under the embargo of war? Well, there wouldn't be any, as the small bay said of the core. And as a bottled up nation we would know what real interference with our commerce meant, and what the humiliation of being without a merchant marine of our own meant, too. There is something, therefore, worth while in that the British navy has kept the sea lanes open, and it is not to our loss either.

M. A. Macdonald, M. P. P., has lost no time in starting an investigation of one of the numerous severely-criticized transactions with which the government has been associated. He has moved a resolution providing for the fullest investigation of the Kitsilano Reserve deal, the evidence in which should be of a sensational character. It must be obvious to the average voter that in no other way can the system under which our affairs have been administered for years be reformed than by sending to the legislature a capable, aggressive opposition.

Four days have passed since the Huns launched their new submarine campaign that was to carry terror to the hearts of the allies and death to all non-combatants who crossed their path on the waters of the great deep. Yet their submarine operations are no different from what they were before and their "successes" no more conspicuous. Was it just another gigantic German bluff?

Foxy Ferdinand has decided that the time has come for Bulgaria to sit tight. He says the reason is that Bulgaria has conquered all the territory she covets. But the real reason is that Ferdinand thinks there are signs that the cat is going to jump the wrong way. He is alarmed at what is happening to Turkey and at the growing army at Salonika.

Electors—Much depends upon the election in progress to-day. Be sure to cast your ballots. Take no chances, for the Machine is desperate and still formidable. If every person entitled to vote does so he will have nothing with which to reproach himself.

The spirit of prophecy descended upon the Colonist this morning. It referred to the leader of the Liberal party as "Hon. H. C. Brewster." Perhaps our contemporary's anticipation is not so very far in advance of the event.

### GOVERNMENTAL STAND

#### INFLUENCES WOMEN

Many Ladies Join Women's Liberal Assn. With View to Getting Suffrage

That the attitude of the provincial government on the subject of woman suffrage when approached by a delegation of advocates of this movement during the last session of the legislature had influenced many of the members of the sisterhood politically, is the belief of Mrs. J. W. de la Farris, of Vancouver, who is at present a visitor at the Empress hotel. The unsatisfactory character of the government's reply to the delegation of women at that time convinced them, she said, that they had nothing to hope for from the present powers that be in connection with the extension of the franchise to women. This had influenced many women politically, although an effort had been made always to keep the subject separated from party politics in any way.

Mrs. Farris is not herself a member of any of the women's suffrage societies in Vancouver, although she is proud to admit that she is a strong advocate of equal suffrage. She is, however, an active member of the Women's Liberal association, which meets as a political organization in affiliation with the Men's Liberal association. This association was formed almost immediately after the return of the women's suffrage delegates from their fruitless mission to Sir Richard

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To Hold Social—A social will be held in St. Luke's Parish hall, Cedar Hill on Monday, at 8 p.m. for the purpose of welcoming the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Mackenzie-Naughton. The churchwardens are hoping for a large attendance of those interested in St. Luke's church.

Bible Class Federation Rally—On

Wednesday evening the Adult Bible Class federation will hold its quarterly rally, in conjunction with the District Sunday school convention, in the First Congregational church. The main feature of the evening will be a presentation of a model Bible class in action. This will be patterned after one held at the World's Convention in Zurich; and should be of especial interest to all A. B. C. members in the city.

Salvation Army Meetings—Adjutant Bristow, of Vancouver, will pay a visit to Victoria, this week-end. Meetings will be held in the citadel, on Broad street, to-day at 8 p.m., Sunday, at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The adjutant is in charge of the Salvation Army's transportation work on the Pacific coast, and has held many important commands in the Salvation Army. The public will be welcomed to the services.

Conditions in Europe—Rev. Father Anselm Wood is to address the Women's Canadian club at the Alexandra ballroom next Tuesday afternoon at their regular weekly meeting. His subject will be "Conditions in Europe. A novelty will be introduced at this meeting, when George Newbury, representing the Diamond Disc Phonograph, will operate one of these instruments presenting a number of grand opera selections on this latest Edison improvement. Members are reminded of the meeting, and a big attendance is looked for.

Western Scots Concert—Victoria

music lovers will turn out en masse to hear the Western Scots orchestra and full brass band under the leadership of Bandmaster Louis Turner, late of the Empress Hotel orchestra, at the old Victoria theatre on Monday evening next. Mrs. Harry Pooley and Mrs. Macdonald Fahey will take part in the musical programme, and the Western Scots machine gun section will furnish a thrilling exhibition of the "little demon gun" in action. The entertainment is given under the patronage of Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross and officers of the 67th Western Scots.

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## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 4, 1891.

A charity ball will be given by the married ladies at home in aid of the B. C. Benevolent society at the Assembly hall, on Thursday evening, April 9. The Presbytery of British Columbia continued its session to-day in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church.

The sealing schooner Geneva, Capt. Seward, arrived in the harbor this morning, 105 days from Halifax. She was built for Hall, Goepel & Co., and is a pretty little craft.

## NOTE THE SUCCESS SIGNS

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Note the pages of advertising in to-day Times and you will see at a glance that the list of merchants, manufacturers, and other advertisers comprise the most progressive and the most successful business and professional men in our community.

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## BAKST INFLUENCE ON SPRING FASHIONS

### Quilled and Pleated Trimmings From Early Victorian Period in Favor

New York, March 4.—Dame Fashion would not be the artist that she is were she not influenced, more or less, by every passing fancy. The influence of the Russian ballet has been direct and noticeable. We may glimpse the Bakst note in the brightly colored jewelry, real and artificial, now so much in vogue; in the quaint, handmade trimmings, quillings, pleatings, cordings and puffings which serve to trim so many of our summer frocks of silk and cotton.

The matinees for the Russian dancers given at the opera house in Paris early in the year was the first real important social event in France since the beginning of the war. The large house was crowded to the doors with a beautifully gowned, enthusiastic audience. When this same company ap-



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The New Umbria Skirt

peared recently at the Century theatre in New York, we were quite enthusiastic, and they received an equally favorable reception. Night after night the house was crowded with gorgeously gowned women and men in evening dress. The graceful little dancer, Florence Walton, was seen once or twice in the lobby, gowned in one of Luelle's fanciful evening frocks, causing, as one woman remarked, "everyone else to look tame." Ruth St. Denis was seen on another evening, tall and distinguished looking, watching with professional interest every graceful movement of little Lopokova and her co-dancers.

While some of the fantasies were rather weird to western eyes, all were poetical, the very embodiment of romance, fascinating and inspiring.

La Slyphides and Papillons come nearer to the modern costume than the others; the costumes of the first are simple to a degree, of pure white tulle against a background of moonlit garden, so real that one can fairly hear the whispering of the trees as their branches intermingle, and the rippling of the water back of the small marble temple. The skirts are full and billowy, and the bodices tight and basque-like. The costumes of Papillons are of the early Victorian period; and they are directly responsible for the present vogue of hand-made trimmings.

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

Mrs. Mouat, of Ganges, is at the Dominion. ★ ★ ★

G. Higrie, of Vancouver, has arrived at the Strathcona. ★ ★ ★

J. Forbes, of Vancouver, is staying at the Strathcona. ★ ★ ★

E. A. Strout, Jr., of Seattle, is a guest at the Empress hotel. ★ ★ ★

W. J. Breen, of Winnipeg, is staying at the Empress hotel. ★ ★ ★

T. W. Mouat, of Nelson, is staying at the Dominion hotel. ★ ★ ★

J. W. Whiteley, of Vancouver, is staying at the Dominion. ★ ★ ★

Bob. McDonald is staying at the Strathcona from Tacoma. ★ ★ ★

H. Hallatt, of Edgerton, Alta., is staying at the Dominion hotel. ★ ★ ★

J. F. Crean, of Montreal, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday. ★ ★ ★

Mrs. Chas. Curtis and family are at the Strathcona from Vancouver. ★ ★ ★

Capt. A. Storey Waller, of Comox, is a guest of the Dominion hotel. ★ ★ ★

Thomas Bickle, of Cumberland, is registered at the Dominion hotel. ★ ★ ★

J. D. Lechman, of Vancouver, is registered at the Strathcona hotel. ★ ★ ★

Chas. Campbell, of Picton, Nova Scotia, is staying at the Dominion. ★ ★ ★

J. S. Horne is registered at the Strathcona hotel from Kansas City. ★ ★ ★

R. L. Brown, of Los Angeles, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday. ★ ★ ★

Wm. Roper and family, of Allan, Sask., are staying at the Dominion. ★ ★ ★

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grundy are registered at the Empress hotel from Toronto. ★ ★ ★

Arrivals at the Empress hotel from Vancouver yesterday included F. C. Wade, K.C. ★ ★ ★

Mr. and Mrs. Brophy have arrived from Seattle and are registered at the Strathcona. ★ ★ ★

T. M. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, of Armada, Alta., are guests of the Dominion hotel. ★ ★ ★

Dr. and Mrs. T. Glendon Moody arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday from Vancouver. ★ ★ ★

G. A. Chick and Mrs. Chick are down from Kelowna and are staying at the Dominion hotel. ★ ★ ★

Mrs. J. L. Boyd and children, of Cornwall Court, Regina, are among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion. ★ ★ ★

Dr. Wm. Gordon Cumming, who for the past few years has been practicing in Spanish has recently moved into Victoria, and has opened offices in the Arcade building. ★ ★ ★

Miss Carry deLong has returned to the city after a short series of reading recitals. Any who are interested in her work may communicate with her by phone 780R, or at her address, 376 Cook street. ★ ★ ★

Mrs. H. Montague-Bonnett, Mrs. L. Toller, Mrs. A. R. Berry, Mrs. A. Ainsworth—all child and wife, G. May and W. Ancock are leaving for the old country. They will leave Seattle on Sunday via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, and will connect with the American liner New York, sailing from New York on Saturday next.

Dominion Theatre.

Pauline Frederick in two roles in the same production! This is the first time that the great Famous Players star, who recently appeared in "Zaza" and "Bella Donna" has ever been seen on the screen in widely different characterizations. In this Paramount Picture, "The Spider," Miss Frederick plays Valerie St. Cyr, a notorious Parisian beauty, and her abandoned daughter, Joan Marche. The one has fled with a profligate nobleman, leaving her little baby with its sickly, poverty-stricken father. The baby grows up to be a beautiful girl who is employed in a flower shop. She becomes engaged to Julian St. Saens, a young artist of very puritanical principles who is drawn to her by the girl's total unsophistication and her rare beauty. Thus Miss Frederick is called upon to portray characters that are diametrically opposed to each other and must suggest the care-worn, weary woman of the world who is tired of her foolish bargain while in the other instance she is the innocent epitome of exuberant spirits, pulsing with the mere joy of living. Though the interpretation of such exacting roles would be a difficult task for the average actress, no one who has seen Miss Frederick's previous performances on the stage or on the screen will doubt her ability to enact both characters with distinction.

"The Spider" will be the feature attraction at the Dominion theatre on Monday next.

Pantages Theatre.

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Wood, who is billed as the "Queen of Pianists," will present a delectable musical oddity that is sure to prove decidedly popular. More vocal music of pleasing quality will be forthcoming through the engagement of Miss Anita Heymann, a Titan-tressed soprano with wonderful high notes. The opening number of the bill will be a combination acrobatic song and dance number by Cook and Rother, two men, athletes, singers and dancers, and good in all three lines.

Some strait-laced Conservatives, who were a little shocked to see the announcement of "Mr. Balfour on the Film," were comforted on its being pointed out to them that Mr. Chaplin set him the example.—Punch.

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St. Matthew's, Mississauga street, Fowey Bay. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m.

St. Luke's, Cedar Hill. Rector, Rev. J. D. Mackenzie-Naughton, M. A., B. D. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning prayer, 11 a. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m.

St. Barnabas', corner of Cook street and Caledonia avenue. Holy eucharist at 8 a. m.; matins, 10:30 a. m.; choral eucharist and sermon, 11 a. m.; children's service, 2:30 p. m.; choral evensong, 4 p. m.; Rector, Rev. G. Miller.

St. Mark's, Balsam street. Rev. J. W. Elkins, Rector. Holy eucharist, 8 a. m.; children's service, 3 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m.

St. Mary's, Burns street, Oak Bay. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; military parade service, 9:30; matins and sermon at 11 a. m.; holy communion, 12; preacher, the Rev. W. C. Columbia; children's service, 3 p. m.; holy communion, 4 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m.

St. Saviour's, Victoria West. Rector, Rev. Robert Connell. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2:30; evening prayer and intercession, 7 p. m.

St. John's, corner of Quadra and Mason. Rector, Rev. F. A. Chadwick. Holy communion, 8; morning prayer and holy communion, 11 a. m.; preacher, the rector; Sunday school and Bible class, 12:30; evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.; preacher, the rector.

St. Paul's, Royal Naval Station and Garrison church, Esquimalt. Rector, Rev. W. Baugh Allen. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 10:30; Sunday school, 2:30; evening and sermon, 7 p. m.

St. John's, corner Quebec and St. John streets. Preacher for the day, Rev. H. T. Archibald, B. A. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 7 p. m.

Cathedral Church of England Mission. Services at 8 a. m.; 10:30 a. m.; 12:30 p. m.; 2:30 p. m.; sermon, 7 p. m.

Pemberton Memorial Chapel. Morning prayer, hymns and sermon, 10:30 a. m.; Nurses, patients, members of hospital staff, and residents of the neighbourhood.

St. Jude's Mission, Obed avenue. Rev. M. F. Hilton. Holy communion, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2:30; evensong and sermon at 7 p. m.; Preacher, Pte. G. Wells, 72nd Battalion, of Vancouver.

**REFORMED EPISCOPAL**

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### First Unitarian Church

Cor. Fernwood Rd. and Fisgard St. (Take Spring Ridge or Fernwood car's to Fernwood Road.)

Services-to-morrow at 11 and 7:30. The minister, Rev. W. G. Letham, B. A., will preach.

Morning: "What has Christianity done for Civilization?" Evening: "Jesus, the Social Reformer."

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## Old Dutch



## NEW TAXATION PROPOSALS THE LITTLE FELLOW IS THE "GOAT" AS USUAL

By H.F.G.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—As time goes by the answer to Sir Thomas White's budget becomes clearer. The answer is that it is not gold that glitters. In other words, it is only a pinchbeck imitation of Lloyd George, not being animated by the same spirit of love for the democracy but rather by a judicious desire on the part of a rich man's government to deal delicately with its friends. That is to say, they take a little away lest an indignant people demand much more. Their discipline of wealth and privilege, such as it is, is more in sorrow than in anger and is only temporary at that.

"Make 'em go bad," says the government of the time. "All right," the government answers in substance, "but you'll understand that this is only for the period of the war." There is no danger that these altruistic outbursts will be carried over into the piping times of peace. Of course there is no doubt that Sir Thomas talked matters over very thoroughly with the interests concerned before he sprung his budget and got a mighty definite idea of how much the traffic would bear and how long it would bear it.

One great outstanding fact is that high protection was not interfered with by the Conservative government. High protection as high as it is now, comes to stay as long as they stay. That it was not made higher is due to the fact that the goods that lays the golden eggs has all it can do now. To press it further would be to kill the animal fowl. A Conservative government will never be guilty of foul play like that.

Sir Thomas' hint that there will be a system of rural credits after the war, supplemented by government assistance for those who want to get on the land, is founded on no particular love toward the farmer whose wheat is rotting on the ground in the north-west provinces because the govern-

ment denies him the American market, but on the enlightened selfishness which rich men always display toward themselves. If high protection is not to be impaired, then there must be production for high protection to bleed and to ensure production nothing must be done that will scare the producers away. In short, this is another case of considering the golden goose which will be worked to the limit but not permanently disabled.

It is Sir Thomas' fine gift to make beautifully clear what he wants to make clear and to leave beautifully clouded what he would rather not mention, as for instance the fact that we have borrowed one hundred and fifty million dollars from England since the war began. There was also his juggling with the fact that the net national debt at the end of 1915 will be \$50,000,000, whereas the real debt is more like a billion. However, as Mr. Kipling would say, that is another story.

Another criticism is that unless the government's new horn desire for thrif leads them to use the local assessment rolls as the basis of their business tax it will mean the creation of an expensive army of officeholders for the collection and assessment of the new taxes. Still this is a minor consideration. The great question is, Will the new taxes do the work properly and efficiently? Does the finance minister's budget get at each rich man, corporation or partnership in the exact just proportions in which he should be got at?

The first answer is that the profiteers, the men who made money out of the empire's danger, particularly the shell-makers, get off lightly, while the legitimate businesses of long standing are hard hit. It stands to reason that a war profiteer can more easily afford to pay twenty-five per cent of his enormously swollen gains above seven per cent, than a legitimate business can of its normal gains above seven per cent, or ten per cent, as the case may be. In other words, no distinction is made between the sheep and the goats. The man who is satisfied with fair profits on a routine business is put on exactly the same footing as the get-rich-quick shark who has leached the empire's life-blood and tried to distract attention from his hoggishness by contributions to the patriotic fund.

The finance minister should have it in his heart to make the rewards for moderation greater than the rewards for ruthlessness. Besides—and here is a disturbing thought—how is the government going to get at the beneficiaries of the old shell committee and the new imperial munitions board, since all along it has taken the ground that it had no specific knowledge of their operations, their business being a confidential one with the British government, whose money it was they were absorbing. If they don't know these people, how are they going to tax them? The very fact of their "coughing up" will dispose of the government's hollow sophistry that it knows nothing about them and washes its hands of them. This is Sir Wilfrid provided with a new argument for an inquiry into the shell committee which the government so far has refused.

The new taxes place a premium on watered stock. Some of the biggest corporations in the country are the most heavily watered—so heavily

watered that the water drowns out what would be a considerable dividend over seven per cent on a legitimate capitalization. Thus it happens that of all the railways in Canada, perhaps only the C.P.R. will contribute its share to this new source of revenue.

Although the C.P.R. has made a practice for some years of burying its treasure in subsidiary companies, melons and increased capitalization, it is still fat and prosperous and in a position to "come through."

Not so the G.T.P. and the C.N.R. They have no profits to spare. Sir William Mackenzie sat all through Finance Minister White's speech with a brooding air. Perhaps he was brooding over the lordly jest of Baron Shaughnessy, who the other day utilized four thousand miles of new copper wire to inquire by long-distance telephone of Vancouver whether the C.N.R. train stalled in the snow two weeks ago had arrived yet. Aish trick of Baron Shaughnessy's, but when these Olympians joke they joke.

Christians gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ meet in Victoria Hall, 14th Blanshard street, near Pandora street, Sunday school, 10:30; prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.; services at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 10:30.

Fairfield, temporary premises, corner Fairfield road and Moss street. Rev. A. B. Osterhout will preach at 11 and 7:30. Sunday school and Bible class, 12:30.

First Dominion Theatre building, Fisgard street, Rev. J. B. Warnicker will conduct the services at 11 and 7:30. Sunday school and adult Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.

First Congregational church, corner Quadra and Mason streets. Rev. Charles St. John, B. D., pastor. Regular services at 8 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school and adult Bible classes at 10:30.

First Methodist, corner of Burnside and Millgrove roads. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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**ATLANTIC TRAVEL DECREASES.**

Statistics have been prepared showing  
the number of passengers who  
landed at the port of New York during  
the year 1915. These show a total of  
216,274 mad. up as follows: First  
class, 59,797; second class, 61,010;  
steerage, 55,457. The figures show an  
enormous falling-off compared with  
other years, the decline in travel being  
due to the war, not only has there  
been a decrease in the number of pas-  
sengers landed at New York, but fewer  
steamers have been plying on the At-  
lantic. The fleets of all the big lines  
have been reduced through the calls  
which have been made on them by the  
authorities for tonnage for use in dif-  
ferent parts of the world.

**SIX SEAMEN MISSING.**

London, March 4.—The Norwegian  
steamship Egero, of 1,373 tons gross,  
has been sunk in a collision, according  
to reports received here by Lloyd's.  
Two of the crew were saved, while six  
are missing.

**NIAGARA MAY ARRIVE  
AHEAD OF SCHEDULE**

Sailed From Honolulu Yester-  
day Morning and is Looked  
for Next Wednesday

The Canadian-Australian liner Ni-  
agara, Capt. J. T. Rollis, is making a  
fine trip from the Antipodes, and is  
expected to arrive here next Wednes-  
day a day ahead of her schedule.

The Niagara is reported to have  
sailed from Honolulu at 5 a.m. yester-  
day and given anything like favorable  
weather she should be here some time  
on Wednesday evening. The steamer,  
which has 200 passengers and 4,500 tons  
of freight, sailed from Sydney—on  
February 17.

On the last trip from Australia she  
arrived off William Head on the night  
of January 13, but being too late to re-  
ceive pratique came to anchor in the  
Royal Roads. It was a cold night with  
a strong north gale, and as a result  
the hydraulic steering gear on the  
steamer was frozen. After being passed  
the following morning the steamer  
came up from the quarantine station,  
but not caring to risk bringing the  
liner to the outer wharf under auxiliary  
steam steering gear the master dropped  
anchor some distance from the docks.

**WIRELESS REPORT**

March 4, 8 a.m.  
Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; bar.  
29.80; temp. 35; hazy seaward.

Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; bar. 29.74;

temp. 32; sea smooth. Spoke S. S.  
Spokane, abeam, of Cape Lazo, 6:10 a.m.

Northbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; calm; bar. 29.53;

temp. 32; sea smooth.

Estevan—Cloudy; calm; bar. 29.62;

temp. 37; sea smooth.

Triangle—Clear; S. W. light; bar.  
29.75; temp. 31; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; bar. 29.55;

temp. 37; sea smooth. In, S. S. British  
Columbia, northbound, 8 a.m.

Dead Tree—Point—Cloudy; calm;

bar. 29.38; temp. 25; sea smooth.

Ikeda—Snowing; N. E. light; bar.  
29.17; temp. 26; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Snowing; N. E. bar.  
29.36; temp. 34; sea smooth. Spoke S.  
S. Zapora, off Lawyer's Island, northbound.

Point Grey—Clear; W. bar. 29.76;

temp. 42. In, S. S. Princess Ena, 10:45 a.m.

Cape Lazo—Clear; N. W. light; bar.  
29.73; temp. 40; sea smooth. Out, S. S.

British Columbia, 11:15 a.m., south-  
bound.

Triangle—Cloudy; N. W. light; bar.  
29.76; temp. 35; sea moderate.

Dead Tree—Snowing; S. E. bar.  
29.24; temp. 30; sea smooth.

Ikeda—Snowing; S. E. light; bar.  
29.12; temp. 33; sea smooth; dense.

Prince Rupert—Snowing; east;

strong; bar. 2.28; temp. 35; sea rough.

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# SPORTING NEWS

## FRATERNITY UPHOLDS JOHNSON'S RIGHTS

Body Insists Player Will Get Salary Contracted for by Federals

New York, March 4.—According to members of the Baseball Players' fraternity, the attention of the national commission soon will be called to the involved status of the contract field by James H. Johnston, formerly of the Oakland and San Francisco teams of the Pacific Coast league.

Johnston was signed by George Stovall for the Newark Federals at a salary of \$4,000 a year for two years, with the ten-day release clause eliminated from the contract, and \$1,000 advance money paid to him. The player later had several conferences with Ebbets, who offered him a contract with the Brooklyn club at a smaller salary and containing the ten-day clause. Johnston claims that he did not agree to these terms, but the Brooklyn club mailed contracts to his home at Chattanooga, Tenn., requesting him to sign same and return them to the executive offices.

After the peace agreement between the Federal league and organized baseball Ebbets purchased the Johnston contract from Harry Sinclair, who represented the Newark Federals, paying \$1,244 to Sinclair as a return for the \$1,000 advanced. Johnston and Stovall's expense in signing the Brooklyn club player, Johnston now contends that Ebbets, by purchasing his Federal league contract, is obligated by its terms, whereas the Brooklyn club holds that the alleged verbal agreement made with Johnston warrants it in insisting that the player sign a contract calling for a salary of \$3,400 a year with the ten-day clause included.

The officers of the Players' Fraternity, who are investigating the baseball contract tangle, claim that, even if this contention is correct, certain private financial propositions made in the correspondence with Johnston are violations of the Cincinnati agreement between the fraternity and organized baseball. Under this interpretation the club would be subjected to a fine and Johnston declared a free agent.

Johnston is determined to hold either the Federal league or the Brooklyn club to his \$4,000 contract, which covers 1916 and 1917. The Players' fraternity will lay the entire correspondence and contracts before the national commission within a few days. Members of the organization state that there will be no strike over the matter, but that it is likely to be carried to the courts unless Johnston's rights are acknowledged by the contracting parties involved.

## YACHT RACE PROPOSED BY SAN DIEGO CLUB

San Diego, Cal., March 4.—Steps were taken to-day by the San Diego Yacht club to arrange a yacht race between this city and Honolulu to start June 15. Capt. Lew. B. Harris, of this city, who won the last race in 1912 with the yacht Lurline, has taken up the question with the local club. According to Capt. Harris, there are a number of yachts along the Pacific coast available for the contest, among them the Seafarer, Athene and Marion, of San Francisco; Gulm, of Portland; Natouze, of Victoria, and Winsome, of San Pedro.

## VICS. WON A. A. H. A. TITLE BY DEFEATING THE CUBS

Calgary, March 4.—The Victorias won the championship of the Alberta Amateur Hockey association, Calgary section, last night by defeating the Cubs 7 to 2.

The Victorias will now play the Monarchs, of Medicine Hat, and the Edmonton Bears for the provincial honors.

The Hatters will be the first to be taken on and they will play here some time in the early part of next week.

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## P. N. A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Summary of Preliminaries.  
Wrestling: 135 pounds—Howard B. Stokes, Multnomah, won fall over C. J. Cowgill, Willamette Amateur A. C., Newburg; time 1:31.

145 pounds—Clarence Ewing, Spokane, decision over R. N. Walpole, Y. M. C. A., aggressiveness.

145 pounds—George Clark, Multnomah, won fall over Earl Surt, Washington High; time 8:15.

145 pounds—Paul Amort, Oregon Aggies, won fall over Arthur R. Bohmeyer, Multnomah; time 1:50.

155 pounds—George McCarthy, Multnomah, decision over Earl R. Wells, Y. M. C. A. Wells refused to continue after 3 minutes and 45 seconds of wrestling.

Boxing Results Given.

115 pounds—I. Gleason, Seattle, knocked out H. Christensen, unattached, one round.

145 pounds—Albert Byers won decision over Lloyd Madden, Seattle, three rounds.

155 pounds—Louis Goldby, Multnomah, won decision over E. Detamore, Seattle, three rounds.

155 pounds—Val Sontag, Seattle, won decision over Frank Phale, Multnomah, three rounds.

155 pounds—G. H. Feese won from Lloyd Madden, Seattle, by forfeit.

155 pounds—Ralph Underwood, Multnomah, won decision over I. Gleason, Seattle, three rounds.

In connection with the prizes so kindly awarded for the best individual average in batting and bowling, also for the best fielder of all the clubs who participated in the cup contest the honors of the Albinos were upheld by F. A. Sparks and Harold Plank, the former being awarded the prize for the best bowling average; the latter was awarded the prize for the best fielder, which was decided by a vote of the representatives of the different clubs at the meeting held by the V. D. A. when the cup was presented.

Besides the series of matches played for the Virtus cup, the club played sixteen other games (putting two teams in the field on many occasions, which speaks well for the sporting ability of the Albinoes) during the past season, but were only fortunate in winning five of these matches, losing six; 1,512 runs were scored for the loss of 102 wickets, an average of 14.7 runs per wicket, while 1,671 runs were scored against us for 96 wickets, an average of 17.6 runs per wicket.

The highest averages for the past season were as follows:

V. D. C. A. series, individual batting: F. A. Sparks, 31.8; H. Hudson, 26.00.

Bowling: F. A. Sparks, 32 wickets for 37, an average of 6.82 per wicket; H. R. Orr, 39 wickets for 47, an average of 10.95 per wicket.

"Rod" W. Heath, the well-known Australian international tennis player, has arrived in England to enlist in the Flying Corps. He has enjoyed several practice games since his arrival.

Michael Moran, who for five successive years won the Irish professional golf championship, has enlisted, and is now a private in the South Irish Horse.

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The Chicago Americans have signed Joe Fautsch, an infielder. Fautsch was on the pay roll of the Dubuque club last season, but refused to report.

Jack Torres, the Mexican welterweight who has been cleaning up the boys of his weight in Montana, including Frank Barrie, easily outpointed Kid Alberts, a New Jersey featherweight, at St. Joseph, Mo., last night.

Arthur Irwin, formerly scout for the New York Americans, has been appointed business manager of the Toronto club of the International league.

Billy Miske, of St. Paul, was awarded a decision over Dick Gilbert last night in Denver at the end of 15 rounds of hard fighting. The men are light heavyweights.

The highest individual score was made by P. P. Morris, reaching his century on the occasion of the all-day match played against Victoria Cricket club.

H. R. Orr made the most runs during the season, 88.

"Financially the club is in better shape than it was when the present committee took up its duties at the last annual meeting. Unfortunately we have not a very large balance in the bank, but we have no outstanding accounts, and the fact that the club does not own one cent at the present time is very satisfactory when one takes into consideration the fact that last year the membership was smaller than the previous year. We had very little expense for non-members, and that is a good thing."

A list of the members of the Albion Cricket club who have, up to the present time, enlisted for active service in the present war, which includes some thirty names, is attached to this report.

"A subscription for the benefit of J. Beethes, groundman, which was taken up by the members of the club, was handed to him at the general meeting on Saturday, 21st.

"The committee, the retiring committee,

has at all times worked in the best interest of the club, and hopes its management has been satisfactory to the members."

Members of Albion Cricket club who have enlisted up to February 19, 1916:

J. Spane, 6th Battalion; E. W. Ismay, W. G. Campbell, D. Hallam and G. M. Lifton; Pioneers; F. J. Clapperton, Naval Reserve; H. R. Orr, B. Harvey, Jr. H. Ley and V. Meakin, 8th Fusiliers; A. C. Bayley, W. W. Watson, M. D. Grant, W. H. Patterson, C. M. Rutherford, J. H. A. Brain, 2nd Battalion; R. White, W. W. Foster, D. W. Humphreys and W. T. Baum, 2nd C. M. L. Williams, 2nd Canadian Expeditionary Forces—H. A. Carson, London Scottish; T. Calloway, Vernon; G. Scott, Army Medical Corps; E. A. Richardson, E. J. Indal and R. Y. L. Johnston, R. F. A.; H. C. Smith, Princess Louise Dragoons; J. Anderson, British army; W. Press, 14th Battalion.

Y. Victoria C. C.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Cricket club was held on Thursday evening, with Capt. H. Goward substituting in the chair for Honorary Vice-President Blakemore. The honorary treasurer's report showed that the financial standing of the club was sound. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, ex-Chief Justice Wetmore; honorary vice-presidents, Lieutenant-Governor Barnard, Sir Richard McBride, Hon. E. Dewdney, Mr. Justice Galliher, Col. Hobday, Capt. Rant, Dr. J. D. Helmcken, Messrs. Geo. Gillespie, A. T. Goward, W. T. Bryce, A. P. Luxton, D. Doig, Jos. York, J. Bowes, E. B. Pemberton, W. E. Blakemore, E. J. Perry, J. Kingham, S. Y. Wootton, E. V. Bowell, Capt. V. J. L. Townend and E. H. Reed; treasurer, Mr. Justice Irving; vice-president, Capt. H. H. T. Drake; honorary secretary, Mr. L. W. Wykes; honorary treasurer, Mr. L. A. Gurney; captain, J. W. D. York; vice-captain, Mr. A. Booth; committee, Messrs. H. A. Goward, A. F. Mongeill, A. E. Laurence and H. Wales.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF ALBION CRICKET CLUB

## Many Players Have Enlisted; Victoria Club's Yearly Gathering

## TACOMA MIDDLEWEIGHT BEAT BILLY MURRAY

Tacoma, March 4.—Frank Farmer beat Fighting Billy Murray in a four-round bout at Tacoma last night, and did it decisively. Around San Francisco they tout Murray as one of the best four-round boys who ever milled there, and he graduated into faster company, taking on some of the best middleweights in the world.

His friends expected him to make a holy show of Farmer last night, but he was whipped from bell to bell. His face was badly puffed at the end of the bout, while Farmer was unmarked. Murray held back early in the bout expecting Farmer to tire and blow up, but Farmer kept coming stronger every minute and fought Murray off his feet.

They all look good when they are far away.

## BREEZY BITS

Pitcher Eddie Plank, late of the Federal league, is holding out for more money than the St. Louis Americans care to pay him. He is now helping his brother to coach the Gettysburg college baseball candidates. Plank was born and raised at Gettysburg, and takes a great interest in coaching the youngsters of his home town.

The fact that the Pacific Coast Cricket League and Island League were abandoned last season, "states the report, "did much to the depressing influence caused in general by the present great European war. Nevertheless the club has provided some excellent games, and many closely contested matches."

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## WALKED LONG WAY TO JOIN 143RD BANTAMS

Seven Hundred Mile Tramp Taken by Pte. Fred Washburn, Who is in Barracks

Pte. Fred Washburn, one of the latest members of the 143rd Battalion—the B. C. Bantams—to be enrolled is as determined a young man as any who have enlisted in the Bantams. The fact that he was 700 miles away from the nearest main recruiting headquarters, with little money in his possession, did not deter him from starting out on a long hike from the Prince George district over the long Cariboo trail. Sitting in his cabin on his pre-mission trip, miles from Prince George one evening Washburn opened a copy of the Victoria Times which a friend had mailed to him and read that the Bantams had been mobilized at Victoria and wanted recruits. Washburn wanted to be a Bantam. He locked his cabin door and started out for Prince George, and with his pack on his back made his way over the Cariboo road. He has been anxious to join one of the overseas battalions since the call first came for men to fight the Kaiser's army, but he was under the regulation height of five feet and four inches.

The formation of the Bantams gave him the opportunity he sought, and Washburn made his way out to Vancouver and lost no time in enlisting. He arrived with the draft which came from the mainland yesterday in charge of Lieut. de Wolf.

Recruiting for the 143rd Battalion is proceeding as briskly as possible today. The recruiting office of the Bantams will be open this evening, and recruiting sergeants will be busy among the crowds on the street. At the Vancouver recruiting office this afternoon a recruiting concert is being held, many well-known amateurs taking part.

### REGIMENTAL ORDERS

#### VICTORIA VOLUNTEER RESERVE

D. B. McConnon, R. O., commanding. The reserve will parade at John Haggerty's Sash factory, View street, at 8 p.m. on Monday.

W. CROW, Captain, Adjutant.

Note: It is requested that all members of the reserve be present.

#### CAFE CHANTANT TO-NIGHT

Interesting Programme Planned for Entertainment at St. Margaret's This Evening.

A very interesting programme has been planned for the entertainment of the Girls' Realm Guild (Victoria branch) to be held to-night beginning at 8 o'clock at St. Margaret's school. The purpose of the guild in giving this cafe chantant to-night is to help the girls will form the personnel of the two boards for 1916. The appointments have yet to be pointed.

Unless the commissioners are appointed by the next council meeting on Tuesday, he will ask the clerk to notify the third commissioner. Thus with two members he will have a statutory quorum.

The reeve is ex-officio chairman of the board, and the law provides that one of the other two commissioners shall be a member of the council, and the third such other person, as the executive council shall name. The member of the council holds office till his term as a councilor terminates.

In the judgment of the officials at the municipal hall therefore he cannot be summoned to any further meeting.

The reeve appears to think that the other commissioner would be provided for by the clause in the statute to the effect that such commissioners shall hold office until the successors are appointed.

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Ending of a boy's letter from a boarding school—I can't write any more, for my toes are so cold, I can't hold a pen. Your affectionate son, Tommy."

Recruiting Sergeant—Want to do your bit, my lad? Young, energetic, e-c-e-c-e course I'd-d-d-d-d-o-d-o. Then take my advice and join the machine gun section.—Punch.

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### OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sophia Shingles, whose death occurred at her home on Kelvin road on March 2, took place this afternoon from the Sands' Funeral parlors. Rev. Dr. Scott officiated, assisted by Ensign Merritt. At the services the hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee," were sung. The pall-bearers were: A. Bent, J. Townsend, J. Turton and R. Eccles.

The funeral of the late James Joseph Derr Fuller, who passed away yesterday morning at Esquimalt, will take place on Monday afternoon at 2:30 from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, Rev. W. Baugh Allen and Rev. Mr. Hicks officiating. The deceased man, who was 83 years of age, was a native of London, England. He was a retired cabinetmaker, and had lived in Victoria for the past ten years. He was a widower and leaves several grown-up children.

The funeral of Baby John Anthony Medvedich, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Medvedich, took place from the Thomson Funeral Chapel yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock, and fifteen minutes later from St. Andrew's Cathedral. Rev. Father Macdonald officiating. Interment was in the family plot, Ross Bay cemetery.

The funeral of the late Miss Elsie M. Stewart took place from the family residence, 175 Lee Avenue, yesterday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. J. McCoy, assisted by Rev. J. H. Warnick and Rev. J. E. Smith. The deceased lady was held before the eyes of all by the large gathering of friends, and by the floral tributes, which were numerous and beautiful. Six members of the Army Medical Corps acted as pall-bearers: T. J. Pascoe, F. Crompton, P. H. McDermid, G. G. MacKenzie, J. Drybrough and J. W. McDiarmid. Interment was in Ross Bay cemetery.

### Library Books

The following books have just been received at the public library:

**HISTORY.**

- Cable, Boyd—Between the Lines. 1915. 340.3-C11be.
- Chesterton, Gilbert Keith—Crimes of England. 1915. 940.3-C525cr.
- Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers. 57.4-C55.
- Dictionary of Dates brought down to the present day. 903-D65.
- Froude, James Anthony—Reign of Elizabeth. 5 vol. 942.09-F94el.
- Giraldus Cambrensis—Itinerary through Wales and the description of Wales. 914.29-G511t.
- Stanley, Arthur Penrhyn—Historical memorials of Canterbury. 942-S78h.
- Stow, John—Survey of London. 914. 21-S89eu.
- Taylor, Isaac—Words and places; illustrations of history, ethnology and geography. 910.2-T23wo.
- Thierry, Augustin—History of the conquest of England by the Normans. 2 vol. 942.09-T43hi.
- Wood, Eric Fisher—Notebook of an attaché, seven months in the war zone. 1915. 940.9-W81no.

**LITERATURE.**

- Burriel, Arthur, comp.—Book of heroic verse. 808.1-B9667.
- Craik, George Lillie—Manual of English literature. 1909. 809.2-C38ma.
- Everyman, with other interludes, including eight miracle plays. 1909. 822-E93.
- Hazlitt, William—Characters of Shakespeare's plays. 1906. 822.3-H52ha.
- Rebel, Christian Friedrich—Three

## FORCED ENEMY TO SUSPEND EFFORT

Germans Failed Before Tenacity of French Last Night Near Verdun

Paris, March 4.—The fire of French machine guns and rifles has been pouring death for two days into the ranks of the Germans attacking the village of Douaumont. The French hold the summit of the knoll which dominates the village from the south. Parts of the town have been taken and retaken repeatedly and each time that the fortune of battle has changed more dead from the thick masses of German assailants have been added to the piles behind which their surviving comrades have sought brief protection.

Each time remnants of regiments already cut to pieces were pushed ahead by other bodies of troops surging on the field, the ground was strewn with bodies. It is the opinion in all quarters that the German crown prince has determined to pay the price necessary to capture Verdun, if possible, drive the French from the right bank of the Meuse and establish a front along that river, if he is unable to pierce the lines and open up the way to Chalons and Paris.

The French infantry is disputing every inch of the ground with persistent courage, and last night once more compelled the enemy to suspend his efforts, leaving his artillery alone to keep up the pressure on the fortress.

Whenever the German assault on the French line reached the danger point, the blue-clad troops leaped forward with fixed bayonets to the strains of the national battle hymn. Accounts of this fighting from French sources say that on each occasion the soldiers of the republic got the better of their opponents, pushing back the Germans who had not fallen under the cold steel.

Rain is falling over the battlefield day-to-day, turning into snow, as was the case on the fourth day of the battle.

The firmness of the government bonds on the Bourse here yesterday and to-day reflects the confidence which is felt here in the outcome of the great struggle.

### GERMAN IN SHANGHAI CONCEALED AMMUNITION

Shanghai, March 4.—The police have discovered five cases of artillery ammunition at the bottom of a well in the garden attached to the residence of a German who was said to have been the instigator of a plan to send war munitions secretly to India.

A dispatch from Shanghai last October said that three Chinese had been placed on trial there charged with having in their possession 120 pistols and 20,000 cartridges, and it was testified a German had delivered them to the Chinese with instructions to ship them to India hidden in specially-constructed packages.

### INCIDENT AMONG SWISS GUARDS AT VATICAN

Rome, March 4.—An incident among the Swiss guards at the Vatican, in which one of the guards, Joseph Manze, discharged his firearms, has been magnified by certain Italian newspapers into an international matter involving Italian, papal and Swiss jurisdiction, in reality Manze, resisting arrest for some offence, first barricaded himself in a room and later left the Vatican palace. He was taken by the Italian police and conducted to the Swiss frontier under an order of expulsion.

### TWO PASSENGERS KILLED IN WRECK IN S. DAKOTA

Watertown, S.D., March 4.—Two men passengers were killed and seven persons injured to-day when a southbound passenger train on the Southern Dakota Central went through a bridge ten miles from here. The coaches were set on fire. S. Dooling, of Denver, a traveling man, was pinned in the wreckage and burned alive. As the flames crept near him he begged other passengers endeavoring to save him to end his misery by shooting.

The weakening of the bridge by a fire is believed to have been the cause of the accident.

**TWO WERE KILLED.**

Minneapolis, March 4.—Two stockmen were killed, a third fatally injured and several others hurt in a collision of freight trains near Mountain Lake, Minn., according to a report that came to the office of the C. St. P. M. & O. railroad here to-day.

**INDICTMENTS AGAINST BOPP AND OTHERS**

San Francisco, March 4.—A batch of new indictments, more specific in their charges against Franz Bopp, German consul-general here; Baron von Schack, German vice-consul, and others, implicating them in bomb plots, was returned shortly after noon to-day by the federal grand jury.

Bench warrants for the re-arrest of all those charged, with the exception of Bopp and the vice-consul, were ordered issued by Judge Dooling.

### THIRTY WERE KILLED IN FRENCH MUNITIONS PLANT

Paris, March 4.—Later details of the explosion and fire in the munitions plant in a suburb of this city indicate that 30 persons were killed and 150 wounded. Search is being made for the victims. Fires broke out at several points as a result of the explosion. It was caused by the accidental dropping of a case of grenades by soldiers of the reserve.

### TO REACH THOSE WHO ARE EVADING SERVICE

Paris, March 4.—A bill providing for confiscation of the property of persons who have evaded military duty by flight or residence abroad, will be introduced in the chamber of deputies on Monday by M. Jenouvré.

### CREW OF GIAVIA.

London, March 4.—A Reuter dispatch from Athens says a British steamship has reached Peraicus with 54 men picked up at sea, the crew of the Italian steamship Gavia.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c

## TAKING OF BITLIS IMPORTANT VICTORY

Secures Russian Flank; Brings Nearer Junction With British in Mesopotamia

Paris, March 4.—For the second time in a trifly over a fortnight the Russians have broken through the Turkish front. In the opinion of the Russian military authorities the importance of the taking of Bitlis, officially announced last night, is twofold, inasmuch as it notably increases the security of the Russian flank in the Caucasus operations and also further opens the way to Bagdad and a junction with the British forces. From Bitlis to Bagdad is a distance of slightly more than 400 miles.

The Turks were rushing reinforcements from Mesopotamia, not only for the defence of Bitlis, but to aid the Turkish troops retreating from Erzerum. These troops will now be forced to take a roundabout route to reach the defeated Turk Third army. Bitlis also served the Turks as a point of communication between the troops operating in the Musch district and those about Lake Urumiah, over the border in Persia. With the command of the whole Lake Van territory in their hands, the Russians now effectively separate these forces.

Bitlis is not a fortress, but its location gave a strong defensive advantage to the enemy.

Russian observers estimated the strength of the Turks opposing the Russian forces in the Bitlis district as two divisions of infantry and artillery with a strong mixture of German troops.

### SIGNIFICANCE OF CAPTURE OF BITLIS

London, March 4.—Two Turkish divisions, reinforced by troops that fled from Erzerum are the forces that have been operating against the Russian line running through Musch, Bitlis and Van, according to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent. With the occupation of Bitlis, he points out, the entire Van region passes under the control of the Russians, while the Russian success separates the two Turkish forces operating in the regions of Musch and Lake Urumiah, respectively.

With the loss of Bitlis, it appears, Turkish reinforcements coming from Mesopotamia will be compelled to take a roundabout route in order to reach the third Turkish army.

### AEROPLANES VISITED THE GULF OF SMYRNA

London, March 4.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Athens says seven French aeroplanes flew from Salonica to the Gulf of Smyrna a few days ago and bombardment of the Turkish batteries. The aircraft returned safely.

The correspondent adds that the journey lasted twenty-four hours. Thus it was one of the longest on record.

### GERMAN ADMIRALTY IS ISSUING FALSE REPORTS

Paris, March 4.—The Temps says that the German admiralty's announcement that submarines had sunk two armed auxiliary cruisers off Hayre is false.

Berlin, March 4.—The sinking of two French auxiliary cruisers and one British patrol boat by German submarines is announced by the admiralty.

The announcement also says that from Paris is reported the sinking of the transport Provence, which carried 1,800 men, of whom only 696 were rescued.

**DO YOUR DUTY**

Our boys in khaki are fighting or dying—as fate wills—in the Greatest War the British Empire has ever been called upon to share. They are cheerful in the face of danger, because they sincerely believe that

### YOU WHO CANNOT GO

are seeing to it that their dear ones do not want. Are you going to betray their trust? If you feel that you can't spare anything; if you feel that it is not up to you to give anything; if you feel that the Victoria boys at the front are asking for charity—

## Don't Give a Cent

They don't want charity! All they ask is for us at home to do our duty, as they are doing theirs. Don't contribute to the Patriotic Fund.

## Unless You Want to Help To "Do Your Bit"

## Victoria Patriotic Aid Society

640 Fort Street

Winch Building, Next to Times Building

## COST OF PAPER IN GERMANY HAS SOARED

Berlin, March 4.—A report just issued by the Society of German Newspaper Publishers states that the cost of paper has become such a serious matter as to cause the suspension of a number of publications. The statement appeals to the government to fix maximum prices for paper in order to insure the continued and regular publication of the newspapers. The government also is asked to adopt measures, after consultation with the Society of Publishers, for restricting the consumption of paper as long as the war lasts.

### THE DEPORTATION OF ARMENIANS FROM TURKEY

Washington, March 4.—Repeated protests by United States representatives have now brought about an end to the deportation of Armenians from Turkey. Hoffman Phillips, American chargé d'affaires at Constantinople in the absence of Ambassador Morganthau, has notified the state department that he has been informed by the Turkish minister of foreign affairs that no more Armenians will be deported.

The Turkish minister stated further that Roman Catholics and Protestant Armenians who have been deported will be allowed to return to the country.

**ROBBERS GOT \$7,000.**

Tulsa, Okla., March 4.—Robbers blew open the safe and wrecked the bank at Mounds, Okla., early to-day, and escaped with between \$7,000 and \$8,000 in currency. The explosion burned the currency. It is thought that it will be identified with ease.

### TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, March 4.—Prices closed down to-day after a dull day. May closed 10¢ lower and July 10¢ higher, the low point for that month. The fluctuation was only 1¢ to 1½¢ for the day. Oats fluctuated only 1¢ to 1½¢ and closed from the same to 10¢ down, both months at 41. Barley closed 10¢ to 12¢, at 54¢ and flax closed up 1¢ to 2¢ for May and 2¢ for July. There was little trading in any of the markets and not a single could be located from the export line. The markets were professional, the only features being one house spreading in July oats, buying in Winnipeg and selling in Chicago. The cash trade was small, with the demand a little better and offers light. The spread for No. 1 Northern was narrowed to 1¢, with Nos. 2 and 3 Northern the same. No. 3 Northern was 10¢ lower than the market news came in to affect the market and the chief trouble seemed to be the shipping question. There will be more congestion at the head of the lakes this April than has ever been known.

**Wheat.** Open. Close.

May ..... 112.4 111.4

July ..... 112.4 111.4

Oats ..... 11.4 11.5

May ..... 41.4 41.4

July ..... 41.4 41.4

Barley ..... 5.4 5.4

May ..... 62.4 62.4

Flax ..... 20.4 20.4

May ..... 115.0 115.0

Unlisted.

American Marconi ..... 2.49 2.50

Canadian Marconi ..... 1.99 2.00

Glacier Creek ..... 1.75 1.76

Island Investment ..... 20.95 21.00

Union Club (Deb.), new ..... 40.00 40.00

U.S. old ..... 90.00 90.00

University School Deb. ..... 100.00 100.00

Howe Sound M. Co. ..... 5.49 5.50

Pinegas ..... 1.15 1.15

P. G. Tunnels ..... 45.00 45.00

Unlisted.

Alaska Gold ..... 294 294 294

Allis-Chalmers ..... 29 27 27

Crown Coal ..... 150 151 150

Car. Cons. S. & R. ..... 148.00 148.00

Car. Co. Gold ..... 124 124 124

Oranby ..... 88.00 88.00

Can. Copper Co. ..... 1.87 2.20

Crown Coal ..... 70.00 70.00

Can. Gas. & R. ..... 148.00 148.00

Car. Co. Gold ..... 148.00 148.00

# Clearance Sale

From Februray 26th  
To March 11th, 1916

Such unparalleled success attended our Clearance Sale during the past week, and satisfied customers have made so many appreciative comments of the first-class quality and splendid value of the goods offered at such remarkably low prices, that we decided to extend the period of our sale until

SATURDAY  
March 11th, 1916

Those, who have not already taken advantage of our greatly reduced prices, will have another opportunity of getting extraordinary value for every dollar spent this coming week in Carpets, Curtains, Furniture and general Housefurnishing needs.

With the small amount of advertising space at our disposal it is utterly impossible for us to give an adequate description of all the merits of the goods we are offering at such very attractive prices. We therefore cordially invite you, one and all, to make a personal inspection, for these remarkable values must be seen to be appreciated. You'll be sorry later if you miss this chance.

**Bedsheet Prices Cut in Half**  
**Values From \$1.75 to \$20.00**

On Monday morning we will offer at half the regular price a splendid assortment of all standard sizes Honeycomb, Marseilles, Grecian and Mercerized Bedsheets ranging in value from \$1.75 to \$20.00 each. We have only a limited number of these Sheets in each grade, as they are mostly samples, which have become slightly soiled. This lot includes some extra large size spreads for extra large beds or beds with a very high mattress. On view on our second floor.

**Printed Art Bedsheets at Half Price**  
**Values From \$3.00 to \$12.00**

Your choice on Monday of our entire stock of beautiful Printed Art Bedsheets for single, three-quarter and double beds at half-price.

## Range Bargains

If you need a Range, now is your chance to secure a first-class Range, up-to-date in every particular, at a greatly reduced price. The amount saved on your Range will buy a splendid assortment of serviceable kitchen utensils, French fireproof ware, etc., which we are also offering at greatly reduced prices.

	Reg. Price	Sale Price
Range, polished top, connected	\$65.00	<b>\$53.00</b>
Range, dull top, with reservoir, connected	70.00	<b>58.50</b>
No. 82 Cornell Range, connected	70.00	<b>58.50</b>
Cast Iron Range, hot base, connected	95.00	<b>67.50</b>
No. 82 Range, connected	80.00	<b>60.00</b>
No. 83 Range, connected	85.00	<b>65.00</b>
No. 83F Steel Range, polished top, connected	87.50	<b>70.00</b>
Household Potato Peelers	8.00	<b>4.50</b>

## Upholstered Easy Chairs

We are clearing out a number of Upholstered Easy Chairs, which have been used for showroom samples, at greatly reduced prices. It will pay you to have a look at these.

Reg. \$31.50 Chairs for..... \$17.50 Reg. \$25.00 Chairs for..... \$15.00  
Reg. \$30.00 Chair for..... \$20.00

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## DEBATE ON ADDRESS COMMENCES IN HOUSE

First Guns Fired in the Parliamentary Fight; Bill to Protect Soldier Miners

Legislative Press Gallery, March 3. This afternoon the house got down to work with the first piece of business which faces the legislators every session. This was the opening of the debate upon the address in reply to the speech from the throne, a formal act which gives members an opportunity to take part in a general discussion of the government and its policy, and at the same time gives them a chance to do until there is business enough in the shape of bills for the committees to go on with.

H. B. Thomson moved the address and the seconder was J. A. Fraser, the senior member for Cariboo. Both spoke in warm praise of the programme of legislation contained in the speech from the throne. The mover eulogized the late premier and Hon. J. H. Turner, and had a few kindly words for Mr. Macdonald, who paid close attention to the proceedings of the sitting and made notes for a speech later in the debate.

Moved the Reply.

Mr. Thomson moved the passage of a royal address in reply to the speech from the throne. Referring to Hon. J. H. Turner he said:

"By his simple and straightforward business methods he endeared himself to the hearts of the people of England as much as he had previously endeared himself to the hearts of the people of British Columbia, and thereby established himself in the confidence of the financial men of the empire."

Mr. Thomson went on to take up the various planks of the government's platform as outlined in the king's speech, praising the administration for its past and present record. In the matter of the development of the fisheries he suggested that some petition of some kind or strong representations should be made to the Dominion government, urging that a joint commission be appointed carefully to look into the matter and work the fisheries to the limit.

He described the Liberal campaign as one of mud slinging, abuse, vilification and slander to an extent that was hardly credible. Mr. Thomson asserted that 94 per cent. of the area of the province was still in the hands of the province, or a total of 132,000,000 acres of vacant and unoccupied lands. It had been said that there was no land for the pre-emptor, but as a matter of fact there were 2,300,000 acres surveyed and specially reserved for the settler.

Not complimentary to Electors.

Liberal discussion of finances did not please Mr. Thomson, but in what he had to say he was not at all complimentary to the electors. He said the Liberal speakers were stuffing it down the throats of the people that the province was loaded down with debt, and they believed these statements simply because they would not think the matter out for themselves.

Mr. Thomson sought to get some fan at Mr. Williams' expense by reading a letter written by that gentleman some years ago, which had been reprinted as a circular and distributed outside a Socialist meeting last night. He had very little success, however, and Mr. Williams led him on by an appeal to the speaker against the reading of documents in a speech.

Hon. Mr. Bowser, denying a statement that he had any hand in the printing or distribution of the circular, mentioned that he had been greatly interested in a copy he found on his desk.

Mr. Speaker at once pointed out that it was not the practice to allow the distribution of anything on the desks of members except parliamentary papers, and whatever matter had been so distributed it was not with the consent of the speaker of the house.

Mr. Thomson expressed regret at Mr. Tisdall's defeat, but welcomed Mr. Macdonald to the floor of the house. For himself and the other Conservative members he offered full assistance to the first member for Vancouver in any line of investigation he might be sought to make. He invited Mr. Macdonald to go back to 1902 in his investigation.

Cariboo Member.

Mr. Fraser (Cariboo) devoted a good part of his speech to the matter of lands. He thought there had been a lot of trouble because lands were not surveyed and settlers overlapped each other. This would be obviated by the large amount of surveyed land awaiting the settler. Closely associated with the land was the question of agriculture, and it was gratifying to know that the government was recognizing this by providing for a separate portfolio of agriculture. The present department of agriculture was a very efficient one.

He had been surprised to find the Liberal leader making the statement that the province was importing thirty million dollars worth of food products. He was surprised at this because he knew very well the amount was only twenty-five millions. From the department he had obtained the figures of home production and imports of food products for 1912-13-14-15. The home production was: 1912, \$23,323,249; 1913, \$26,222,632; 1914, \$30,184,700; 1915, \$30,099,885; 1913, \$20,076,157; 1914, \$25,193,125; 1915, \$16,402,561.

Mr. Fraser blamed lack of capital as the cause of more than fifty per cent. of agricultural failures. He looked for a development in the Necho, Bulkley and other valleys which would mean the early establishment there of a population equal to that now in the province, and to a tremendous increase in the production of food.

It was very gratifying to Mr. Fraser that mining development was active

## MAGIC BAKING POWDER



## URGE SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING BY-LAWS

Committee of Council Deals With Several Matters; Quadra Street Main

Some arrangement may be made to bring about a settlement with the property owners on Oak Bay avenue and Dundas street. There have been negotiations extending over a long period without any decision being arrived at. On the suggestion of the city controller, the council in streets committee yesterday afternoon decided to secure a report from the city engineer on the matter, to be presented at the next meeting.

The committee appointed a sub-committee, composed of Alderman Porter and McNeil, the fire warden, the water commissioner and fire chief to go into the question and report with regard to connecting the high-level district with the salt-water system.

The annual expenditure for the past two years of pumping water to the high-level area has been \$4,500. It will be necessary to lay a twelve-inch main on the west side of Douglas street from Fountain square to Herald street. This main would then become an extension of the high-pressure system and would conform with the recommendation made by the fire chief about two years ago.

"The estimated cost of laying this main," the engineer reported, "and making the necessary alterations at Yates street and Telegraph street stations would be, approximately, \$13,000. The saving to be effected when this is carried out should be, approximately, \$5,000 per annum. In the estimate prepared, the cost of cast-iron pipe is taken at \$45 per ton, but the price of this material has an upward tendency, and the ultimate cost may exceed this estimate."

"When the city grows there will be further extensions required, one of which will be the laying of a 12-inch pipe on Yates street, from Douglas street to Camosun street, and an 8-inch pipe from Camosun street across the school grounds to Fort street. The cost of this additional work will be about \$15,000. The money required for this work should be available from the waterworks loan, which has a credit of about \$24,000."

The committee declined to reconsider the claim of C. H. Topp & Co. for some extra charges for the survey of Sooke, watershed, on the ground that the expense had been incurred through a mistake of the surveyors.

The finance committee was asked to report on continuing the water service on Quadra street, north of Jackson street, which the Saanich council will not take over on account of the condition of the trunk main, although it has been offered free by the water commissioner. The commissioner advised that there are, however, some old agreements granting certain privileges to some of the property owners in connection with right of way, etc., and it would probably be advisable to have a small sub-committee appointed to advise in this matter.

Twenty-five members of the Victoria Jitney association appeared before the Oak Bay council last night to protest against the proposed by-law to regulate the jitney traffic in the municipality. They presented the council with a petition containing three hundred names of ratepayers protesting against the by-law. The various objections as previously set forth by the secretary of the association were laid before the council. He said if the jitney men were forced to assume any further obligations it would mean they would have to go out of business.

The deputation laid before the council the present position of the jitney operator as follows: One hundred miles were covered during the average running time of 10 hours per day, and the gross receipts during that period amounted from \$3.50 to \$5.50. A fair average might be placed at \$4.50. During that time five gallons of gasoline would be used, at a cost of 30 cents per gallon, and one quart of oil at 20 cents, which would make a fuel cost of \$1.70 per day. Tire wear, figured at 1 cent per mile, would amount to \$1 per day, bringing the total running expense up to \$2.70 per day. The depreciation in the value of the car, on the basis of a \$600 investment, was put at \$1 per day, and the interest on the investment at 15 cents, while the present license being paid would add another 6 cents. Thus the total daily charges against operation would amount to \$3.91, against average gross receipts of \$4.50, which would leave a wage to the operator of 59 cents per day of ten hours. In other words, the operators were at present living on their investment. If they were to be compelled to furnish a bond of \$5,000, another 25 cents would have to be charged against operation, leaving a balance to the driver of about 24 cents per day, which did not take into consideration the further fees which were proposed in the by-law, but not stated.

The council promised to consider the request of the association.

## BUSINESS GIRLS' CLUB

Organization Meeting for Independent Society to Be Held on Tuesday Night; All Young Women Invited.

A meeting open to all young women over 18 years of age, will be held at the Y. W. C. A. on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of forming a business girls' club. The object of the proposed club is to meet the requirements of all girls physically, socially and spiritually. Although the meetings are being arranged to take place at the Y. W. C. A. the organization will be quite independent in its work and government. The regular meeting night will be Tuesday of each week during the winter months, and during the summer months picnics and outdoor gatherings will be held.

The club will plan its own evenings and will work upon any schedule decided by the majority of its members. It is the intention to organize along something the same lines as the Seattle Business Girls' club, which has definite constitution and by-laws with stated rules as to membership, management, meetings, number of officers and their duties, etc. The organization which is to be used as a model, has an annual programme made out at the beginning of each club year, showing the lecturers for each weekly meeting from October to June. The interest that is taken in the club by public men and women is shown by the number of prominent social workers, university lecturers, cartoonists, elocutionists, and well-known musicians who have furnished the leading feature at each weekly meeting. No doubt the club to be organized here will be as fortunate in getting interesting speakers to volunteer their services for a like purpose.

The scheme is one which should appeal to scores of girls in the city, and a very cordial invitation to attend the organization meeting on Tuesday night at the Y. W. C. A. is extended to any young women in Victoria who are interested.

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## JITNEY MEN PUT CASE TO OAK BAY COUNCIL

Claim They Will Be Put Out of  
Business If By-law  
is Passed

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What this province is suffering from is government by an autocracy. Mr. Brewster and his colleagues will see that the public interest is safeguarded in the legislature. If the electors value representative institutions they will support the opposition candidate to-day.

